

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a small family owned ISP serving the Warren/Youngstown area of Northeastern Ohio I have become increasingly frustrated with the preferential treatment that the monopoly cable and incumbent telephone companies have been given by the FCC.

In order to provide our service I must purchase telco services from Sprint and Ameritech. These companies also compete with me directly for the same services.

Because of lack of separation within the various business divisions within these companies they can use profits from one business unit to fund services of another. This practice has enabled the telcos and cable operators to give away free Internet services at a loss in attempt to garner market share.

With the demand for broadband Internet access increasing the FCC is proposing to remove the requirement for telcos to provide wholesale DSL services to independent ISPs.

If allowed to happen this would virtually eliminate the long-term survivability of my business and many other ISPs nationwide. As a consequence it would force my customer base; who have chosen my company for their Internet services because of the high level of personnel service and reliability we provide; to seek the services of companies they consciously chose not to do business with.

This proposed rule would not enhance service it would only serve to reduce competition, raise prices and stifle the innovative growth of the Internet.

Please reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

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